

LAKE ORE TRADE.

Purchase of Modern Steel Vessels
Causing Struggle

BETWEEN PROMINENT FIRMS.

Federal, American Steel and Wire and Carnegie Companies Rivals. Probable Sale to the First Named Company of a Fleet of Five Vessels. Carnegie Company Forced to Undertake Transportation of a Large Part of Its Ore.

CLEVELAND, O., March 23.—The Marine Review says:

"For several days past all manner of reports have been circulated regarding the efforts of the Federal Steel Company, the American Steel & Wire Company and the Carnegie Steel Company to purchase modern steel vessels for the ore trade. The struggle for supremacy between these large concerns will certainly bring about a further concentration of lake interests.

"The most important announcement in this regard is the sale of two steel steamers, Pennsylvania and Texas, building at the works of the Cleveland Ship Building Company for A. B. Wilvin and others. The ownership of these vessels has been transferred to the office of Pickands, Masters & Co., Cleveland, but whether for the Federal Steel Company or for other interests represented in that office is not definitely known as yet. These vessels were probably not sold for less than \$275,000 each.

"It is also more probable that within the next few days announcement will be made of the sale to the Federal Steel Company of the five other steel steamers of the Wilvin fleet that are known as the Zenith Transit company ships, with a combined value of probably a million and a quarter dollars.

"The American Steel & Wire Company has been negotiating for some time past for steel vessels to be added to the fleet which they secured in absorbing the Cleveland Rolling Mill Company, and it has been said that the Carnegie company was bidding against the Federal Steel Company for the Wilvin fleet, but there is nothing official about this latter report.

"It is the general opinion, however, that conditions like those now prevailing will force the Carnegie company to undertake on its own account the transportation of that part of its ore (a very large proportion) that is not provided by contract with John D. Rockefeller. The sale of the Wilvin fleet undoubtedly means that Mr. Wilvin is to leave the lakes and take up for James J. Hill, of the Great Northern railway, the establishment of a line of ships to the Orient from the terminals of the Great Northern on the Pacific coast."

Big Sale of Pig Iron.
YOUNGSTOWN, O., March 23.—Furnaces in the Mahoning valley have sold 130,000 tons of Bessemer pig iron this week at \$14 per ton at the furnace. The National Steel Company bought 90,000 tons; Carnegie Steel Company 20,000 tons, and 20,000 tons were disposed of to other concerns. On account of being unable to secure pig iron in the open market in large enough quantities to supply their mill, the Brown Bonnell Iron Company has about decided to repair and "blow in" its Phoenix furnace, which has been idle for upwards of three years. The furnace will produce about 125 tons of pig iron per day.

May Dissolve This Week.
WASHINGTON, March 23.—Advises from Cuba received by Senator Quesada, which he regards as trustworthy, are to the effect that the Cuban assembly will dissolve before the present week ends, probably on Saturday. Mr. Quesada regards this as a most satisfactory outcome as the dissolution is brought about voluntarily and without that agitation which enforced action might have caused. It will clear the way, in his judgment, to a pacific adjustment of the affairs of Cuba.

Got a Long Sentence.
CARROLLTOWN, Ill., March 23.—In the trial of Frank Ainsworth, who in an attempted hold up of a night express train on the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy, shot and killed Engineer Fred Dempsey, the jury has returned a verdict of guilty and fixed the penalty at forty-nine years in the penitentiary.

Catarrh is Not Incurable

But it can not be cured by sprays, washes and inhaling mixtures which reach only the surface. The disease is in the blood, and can only be reached through the blood. S. S. S. is the only remedy which can have any effect upon Catarrh; it cures the disease permanently and forever rids the system of every trace of the vile complaint.

Miss Josie Owen, of Montpelier, Ohio, writes: "I was afflicted from infancy with Catarrh, and no one can know the suffering it produces better than I. The sprays and washes prescribed by the doctors relieved me only temporarily, and though I used them constantly for ten years, the disease had a firmer hold than ever. I tried a number of blood remedies, but their mineral ingredients settled in my bones and gave me rheumatism. I was in a lamentable condition, and after exhausting all treatment, was declared incurable. Seeing S. S. S. advertised as a cure for blood diseases, I decided to try it. As soon as my system was under the effect of the medicine, I began to improve, and after taking it for two months I was cured completely. The dreadful disease was eradicated from my system, and I have had no return of it."

Many have been taking local treatment for years, and find themselves worse now than ever. A trial of

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AN OPERATION AVOIDED.

Mrs. Rosa Gaum Writes to Mrs. Pinkham About It. She Says:

DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—I take pleasure in writing you a few lines to inform you of the good your Vegetable Compound has done me. I cannot thank you enough for what your medicine has done for me; it has, indeed, helped me wonderfully.

For years I was troubled with an ovarian tumor, each year growing worse, until at last I was compelled to consult with a physician. He said nothing could be done for me but to go under an operation.

In speaking with a friend of mine about it, she recommended Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, saying she knew it would cure me. I then sent for your medicine, and after taking three bottles of it, the tumor disappeared. Oh! you do not know how much good your medicine has done me. I shall recommend it to all suffering women.—MRS. ROSA GAUM, 720 Wall St., Los Angeles, Cal.

The great and unvarying success of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound in relieving every derangement of the female organs, demonstrates it to be the modern safeguard of woman's happiness and bodily strength. More than a million women have been benefited by it.

Every woman who needs advice about her health is invited to write to Mrs. Pinkham, at Lynn, Mass.

The attempted hold up took place at White Hall, in this county, June 7, last. When the engineer failed to comply with Ainsworth's commands the latter shot and fled. His partner, William Jackson, turned state's evidence.

Iowa to be Repaired.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 23.—The battleship Iowa will at once be taken to the Union Iron Works, where she will remain about six weeks while being repaired. Her boilers will be re-tubed, and her cylinders overhauled. It is understood that she will then go to Fort Ord, to be docked and have bilge keels put on preparatory to going to Manila to relieve the Oregon, which may come home to be docked.

The new dry dock at Mare Island will be big enough to take in the largest ship in the navy or under construction. It will be 750 feet long, 80 feet wide and will have at least 30 feet of water over the sill at mean high tide.

Another Iron Combine.
CLEVELAND, Ohio, March 23.—The Iron Trade Review says:

The movement to consolidate western and southern rolling mills has made headway in the past week, and nearly all the necessary options have been secured. Less outside money will be invested, proportionately, than in other recent iron and steel combines. The promoters announce that organization will probably be effected within the next two weeks. The capital proposed is \$15,000,000 and thirty-six western mills, large and small, fit and unfit, are included in the plan. Chicago and Cleveland are both discussed as probable headquarters.

Death of Mexican Veteran.

NORFOLK, Va., March 23.—Major James P. Milligan, a veteran of the Mexican and civil wars, is dead at his home in this city, aged seventy years. He resigned as midshipman in the United States navy and personally tendered his services to President Jefferson Davis, of the Southern Confederacy, and was placed in charge of a signal corps that operated in this section and along the James river.

He was a Republican and held office as inspector of hulls under several administrations.

Scarcity of Workmen.

NEWCOMERTOWN, O., March 23.—An unusual condition prevails here in that sufficient men cannot be secured by the local manufacturers. The James B. Clow & Sons pipe works, the Novelty brick and tile works and the Buckhannon Coal Company are hiring everybody in town who will accept work and still they are unable to meet their demands. The business boom is most pronounced.

Large Block of Marble.

ATLANTA, Ga., March 23.—Professor Yeates, of the Geological survey, has been advised that a marble block weighing something over 100,000 pounds has been successfully removed from a quarry at Marble Hill, Ga., and started on its way to New York. The marble is almost pure white and measures 27 feet 2 inches long by four feet three inches wide, and is believed to be the largest block quarried in modern times.

Guests Escape.

THOMASVILLE, Ga., March 23.—Fire starting about 2 a. m. destroyed the opera house and three or four other buildings. Loss about \$10,000. The large Piney Woods hotel, filled with northern guests, escaped uninjured after an exciting night for its inmates.

The Hanna cottage, where the President is staying, is a mile away.

Has Admiral Spotts' Remains.

VALPARAISO, Chile, March 23.—The United States auxiliary cruiser Badger has arrived here, having on board the exhumed remains of Rear Admiral James H. Spotts, U. S. N., who died at Fort Stanley, Falkland Islands, in 1882. The Badger is on her way to San Francisco.

A Thousand Tongues

Could not express the rapture of Annie R. Springer, of 1125 Howard st., Philadelphia, Pa., when she found that Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption had completely cured her of a hacking cough that for many years had made life a burden. All other remedies and doctors could give her no help, but she says of this Royal Cure—"It soon removed the pain in my chest and I can now sleep soundly, something I can scarcely remember doing before. I feel like sounding its praises throughout the universe." So will everyone who tries Dr. King's New Discovery for any trouble of the throat, chest or lungs. Price 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottles free at Logan Drug Co.'s drug store; every bottle guaranteed.

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